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Mr. James F. Steele, Jr.  
Regional Commissioner  
Regional Public Buildings Service  
General Services Administration  
Washington, D. C. 20407

Attention: Mr. Jacobson

Dear Mr. Steele:

Your inquiry as to whether funds appropriated for certain projects of this Agency are available for expenditure without regard to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, as amended, has been given careful consideration. Agency legal counsel have reviewed the circumstances under which these funds have been appropriated in relation to the requirements of the Act and have confirmed the intention of the congressional committees acting on the Agency budget.

As a result of the determinations and findings made in regard to these matters, I hereby certify on behalf of the Agency that funds appropriated for the projects known as SAFE, ADSTAR, and C-Vault Expansion are available for expenditure without regard to requirements of section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, as amended. As you are aware, these exempted projects will entail extensive site preparation, power system improvements, special cooling provisions, and backup power generating systems.

Because the source and availability of funds for the HVAC Phase II project and the Waste Energy Recovery System project have not yet been finally determined, we will respond regarding the status of these projects at a later date.

Sincerely,

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cc: OGC

*/s/* James H. McDonald  
James H. McDonald  
Director of Logistics

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